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MARRIAGE.

At Vienna, on the 24th May, MATTHEW, elder
brother of Mr. J. S. Watson, of Shanghai, to
ANGIE, only son of JAMES SCHWARTZ, of Vienna.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 26th, 1896.

At the Royal United Service Institution,
on the 5th June, Vice-Admiral P. H.
COLVILL delivered a lecture on "The
Functions of the Army and Navy in the
Defence of the Empire," a subject of some
practical importance for us in Hongkong,
inasmuch as it involves the question of
whether we are to rely upon the Navy or
upon fortifications for our defence in time of
war, or partly upon one and partly upon the
other. If we are to rely upon the fortifica-
tions alone we are in sorry plight, the
armament and the garrison being alike
insufficient for the requirements. Admiral
COLVILL'S argument, however, is that owing
to "the defensive action of the Navy, ex-
penditure on localised and fixed military
defences, where there are no land frontiers,
can be largely reduced with perfect safety;
and that, if this is done, we can have a
mobile military force sufficient for our im-
perial needs without any great increase of
cost." The gallant officer holds "that the
Empire is not safe with only so small a
military force ready to embark at short
notice" as we have at present and he would
therefore reduce the expenditure on fixed
military defences and apply the money so
saved to the increase of our mobile force.

In the debate which followed Field Marshal
Sir LYNCH'S SIMONS, a former Inspector-
General of Fortifications, said: "He re-
membered that in 1895 there was a great
hubbub at the time Lord PALMERSTON was
Premier. He started a commission with
regard to the defence of our naval ports,
on which a large sum was expended. He
himself believed they were useful as they
were, but he thought it very doubtful
whether, if the Government had placed
the question before a commission of the
"two services competent to deal with it,
these port defences would ever have been
"carried." The Times terms this a giving
up of the case of the extreme advocates
of fortifications. Some years ago the
fortification school was in the ascendant
and the principle as applied theoretically to
Hongkong, though never completely carried
out, was that the colony should be able
to defend itself against a hostile attack with-
out assistance from the navy. At the
opinion seems to be of professional

Admiral COLVILL'S views being those now
generally held, namely, that the
principle to be followed should be, not to
prepare to meet attacks on positions where
no land frontiers, but to prevent the enemy from
contemplating such attacks, to convince him
that he will not have time to complete an
attack on any locality before the general
defending force is upon him, to produce in
his mind the conviction that if he cannot
subdue by his concentrated mobile force the
concentrated mobile force of his opponent,
he can make no attacks at all, but such as
are in the nature of surprises, and, therefore,
on a very small scale. But the
Admiral goes on to say, "in every
"port, island, or shore open to the
"enemy's attack the army must be able to
"warn him that he will be kept at bay
"until the defending naval force arrives.
"How the army can best do this is a
"separate question, but to more or less
"separately treated for each locality." We
can only hope that this "separate question"
will be treated, so far as Hongkong is con-
cerned, on the lines of a large addition to
our garrison and a material strengthening of
our defences.

We would direct attention to the letter of
the Right Rev. Bishop BURTON, enclosing
one from Bishop AUBREY, published in
another column. The distress caused by the
recent tidal wave in Japan is extreme,
and doubtless there are many people
in Hongkong who would wish to contribute
to its relief. Bishop BURTON expresses
himself ready to take charge of any
subscriptions, but if his Lordship should
wish to be relieved of the clerical work
attending to the office of treasurer
of a public fund we have no doubt
some gentleman in mercantile life would
be found ready to take his place in
that respect. If any fund is raised
in Hongkong the best channel that could
be found for its distribution would be
the committee formed at Kobe. A public
meeting was held at that port on the 25th
June, when a representative committee
was appointed consisting (with additions
made subsequently) of Mr. SIM, Mr.
HAFER, Rev. J. L. ATKINSON, Mr. LENO,
Bishop AUBREY, Mr. VON KRECKEL, Mr.
DE AZU, and Mr. C. P. HALL. At the
date of our last notice from Kobe the sub-
scriptions at that port amounted to \$4,000,
and it was agreed by the committee to utilise
\$1,000 at once in the purchase of coats, suits
as a beginning. In a few days Mr. SIM
went to go north and personally distribute
these among the people who are at present re-
quiring only some help as this to put them
on their feet, again and beyond the need of
any further charity. He would then also,
(we quote from the Kobe Chronicle) "have
"an opportunity of studying the further
"requirements of the situation, a necessary
"step for which his unique experiences
"make him specially qualified." At the
public meeting at Kobe it was at first
agreed that the funds raised at that port should
be handed over to the Yokohama committee,
it being thought, apparently, that it was
unnecessary to have a committee at each
port, but a proposition to that effect was not
carried. This was fortunate, for it appears
that the Yokohama committee are giving
their collections to the native authorities for
distribution, and as the Kobe Chronicle
points out, there are reasons, well known to
Kobe residents of 1885 (Osaka flood) and
1891 (Gifu earthquake), why any unknown
Japanese offering to take over the funds for
distribution should be fully guaranteed.

This is why we suggest that the funds raised
in Hongkong should be forwarded to the
Kobe committee, for distribution, for that
committee intends to carry out the work
itself with Mr. SIM, well known to many in
Hongkong, as its chief executive officer.

The P. & O. steamer Java, from China, arrived
at London on the evening of the 4th inst.

Two cases of plague from the city were re-
ported yesterday. The total for the year is
now 1,132.

From the Mercury we learn that a company
called "Hun Lee" has been established at
Sookchay for the making of red bricks and tiles
by foreign machinery.

There are renewed rumours of the formation
of a new Triple Alliance in the Far East, the
parties being Great Britain, Germany, and
Japan.—N. C. Daily News.

The China Mutual steamer Ningchow from
Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester, left Singa-
pore for this port on Monday and may be ex-
pected here on or about the 12th inst.

The China Mutual steamer Opinel, from
Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal
yesterday and may be considered due at Singa-
pore on or about the 25th inst.

We have been favoured by the Spanish Consul
with a copy of the following telegram from
the Manila Observatory, 6th July.
"There is another depression approaching Luzon
by the Northern provinces."

The P. & O. steamer, City of Peking, with
mail, calls here on the 27th inst. for
San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, and
Yokohama. The steamer will arrive at her
destination on the 31st inst.

To-morrow night, at eight o'clock, a gymnastic
competition will take place at Murray Barracks
under the auspices of the Rifle Brigade. The
programme is an interesting one, and there will
be no doubt a large attendance.

It is reported among well-informed Chinese
that the main topic of the late interview with
Prince Bismarck was the desirability of China's
protection against Russian encroachments.
It is reported that Prince Bismarck's answer
to this was: "N. C. Daily News."

For some time past, says the Kobe Herald,
the Manila line of the N.Y.K. steamers has
been discontinued, owing to the number of
passengers taken up by the Government for special
service. As most of the steamers have been
handed back now, and the summer season is
approaching, the Company intends to resume
service before long. The steamer to be placed
on the Manila line will call at Japan, Hong-
kong, and Formosa.

It is reported from Peking that owing to the
recent advance of the Yangtze River, the
vessels of the China Navigation Company, which
plains bordering those rivers, have in conse-
quence been submerged and large quantities
of grain destroyed. A famine, although light
in comparison to that of 1894-5, is therefore an-
ticipated, unless relief can be found for the
starving. This, continues the report, is a
serious matter, and the Chinese authorities are
already trying to do so.

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